

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transforming user information and course information from a source database in an e-learning model to a target database in a learning management system, the method comprising:

converting the user and course information to a format compatible with the target database, the converted user and course information containing object identification information;

matching object identifiers with corresponding object identification information contained in the converted user and course information if there is an existing directory containing object identifiers related to the object identification information contained in the converted user and course information and loading the converted user and course information into the target database; and,

storing unmatched object identifiers for manual handling; and,

creating a file containing the unmatched object identifiers having a format similar to the converted user information and course information.

2. Cancelled.

3. Cancelled.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising updating the source database to include the object identifiers contained in the existing directory if a match is found.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the object identification information and the object identifiers relate to names of users of the learning management system.
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising if more than one potential match is found, creating a file containing the potential matches and re-generating the matching process.
9. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program which when executed performs a method of transforming user information and course information from a source database in an e-learning model to a target database in a learning management system the method comprising:
 - converting the user and course information to a format compatible with the target database, the converted user and course information containing object identification information;
 - matching object identifiers with corresponding object identification information contained in the converted user and course information if there is an existing directory containing object identifiers related to the object identification information contained in the converted user

and course information; and loading the converted user and course information into the target database; and,

storing unmatched object identifiers for manual handling; and,

creating a file containing the unmatched object identifiers having a format similar to the converted user information and course information.

10. Cancelled.

11. Cancelled.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the method performed by the stored computer program when executed further includes updating the source database to include the object identifiers contained in the existing directory if a match is found.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the object identification information and the object identifiers relate to names of users of the learning management system.

14. Cancelled.

15. Cancelled.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, further comprising if more than one potential match is found, creating a file containing the potential matches and re-generating the matching process.

17. (Withdrawn) A data transformation tool for transforming user information and course information from a source database in an e-learning model to a target database in a learning management system, the tool comprising:

a data transformation utility, executing in memory by a processor of a general purpose computing system, the data transformation utility comprising a set of computer program instructions that when executed by the processor convert the user information and course information to a format compatible with the target database, the converted user information and course information containing object identification information;

a data matching utility, executing in memory by a processor of a general purpose computing system, the data matching utility comprising a set of computer program instructions that when executed by the processor determine if there is an existing directory containing object identifiers related to the object identification information contained in the converted user information and course information and to match the object identifiers with corresponding object identification information contained in the converted user information and course information and to store unmatched object identifiers for manual handling; and,

a data loading utility , executing in memory by a processor of a general purpose computing system, the data matching utility comprising a set of computer program instructions that when executed by the processor load the converted user information and course information into the target database.

18. Cancelled.

19. Cancelled.

20. (Withdrawn) The data transformation tool of claim 17, wherein the data matching utility is further adapted to update the source database to include the object identifiers contained in the existing directory if a match is found.

21. (Withdrawn) The data transformation tool of claim 17, wherein the object identification information and the object identifiers relate to names of users of the learning management system.

22. Cancelled.

23. (Withdrawn) The data transformation tool of claim 17, further comprising a file containing the unmatched object identifiers having a format similar to the converted user information and course information.

24. (Withdrawn) The data transformation tool of claim 17, further comprising a file containing potential matches if more than one potential match is found.